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Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT   :   Damage Suit - <u>Scientology</u> v. <u>Director</u>, FBI, et al.
Civil Action No. 78-0107 (U.S.D.C., D.C.)

1. The Church of Scientology has, after several previous filings and dismissals, arrived at a complaint which passes judicial scrutiny, and the case has been assigned to Judge Ritchey who has determined to move this matter with all possible speed.

2. Attachment 1 hereto is a Memorandum for the Record which summarizes Judge Ritchey's pretrial orders.

3. We have today, 14 February, received plaintiffs' interrogatories. Our answers must be submitted to the Department of Justice by 21 February. Thus, we must receive your input by absolutely no later than 9:00 a.m. on 21 February.

4. Since I was not responsible for the plaintiffs' original Freedom of Information litigation, and since that litigation was one of our earliest cases, we must request that you conduct a <u>very thorough</u>, <u>current</u> review of your records and provide any documents or information pertinent to the questions set forth in Attachment 2. Please note that documents in the original Freedom of Information litigation, whether released or denied, should be included in your response.

5. Further, please note that you are <u>not</u> requested to produce a legal document, rather your assistance is needed in developing the operative facts necessary for this office to respond.

6. We can not stress too strongly that Judge Ritchey is most serious about his requirement of complete and accurate responses and adherence to his time schedule. He has clearly stated his intent to impose sanctions (specifically, monetary damages) personally against those individuals who fail to comport with the order.
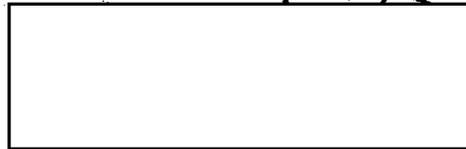
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